BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS PATELUNAS (OCA/USPS-ST44-51)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-ST44-51, filed on August 9, 2000, and redirected from witness Patelunas.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-ST44-51. Please refer to your response to interrogatory OCA/USPS-ST44-37. You failed to provide the *proposed* FY 2001 Operating Budget which was explicitly requested in the interrogatory and which is the basis for many of the changes contained in USPS-ST-44. Instead, you answered that the *final* budget is not available. The OCA asks again that the *proposed* FY 2001 Operating Budget be provided.

RESPONSE:

Please see Response of United States Postal Service to Question Raised at Hearings on August 3, 2000, filed August 15, 2000, responding to a similar question raised at Tr. 35/16813 and 16865-66.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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